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Website Provides Open Dialogue On Human Sexuality

Ever had a sex question that you didn't want to ask even your closest friend? Well, now you don't have to because the answer is closer than you think and it doesn't require a trip to health services or an anonymous late night call to Sue. In fact, it's as close as your computer screen. A new website, www.sexualityandu.ca was launched in November by the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, and provides open dialogue about human sexuality. It was created by some of Canada's leading experts in the field, and is the most comprehensive Web site on contraception, safe-sex practices, and sexual well being.

Why should students be aware of this site? You probably already know the statistics, but just in case you forgot, here's a reminder. University-aged students are especially at risk of sexually transmitted infections (STIs). The rates are climbing among men and women under the age of 25. Syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia have all increased in the last three years. Also, the Society points out that an overall awareness of contraception methods is dropping, while condom use is infrequent. The website is designed to inform and remind students, as well as parents and teens, of how to protect themselves. However, providing info about STI prevention is only a small part. More than just another warning, it goes beyond what you learned in your high school health class, and rather than preaching facts, it seeks to empower visitors so that they can make informed decisions and take control of their sexual lives. It's called a "real life approach" to issues that affect Canadians of all ages.

This is a forum for current information about *sexual well-being* - aimed at helping anyone deal with situations they may encounter in any lifestyle choice. Even if you consider yourself an expert on 'the birds and the bees', drop in and take a quiz, check out a poll, and see how your lifestyle choices, attitudes and actions compare to those of other people. Or, read a few articles written by leading Canadian experts to see how you can make healthy sexual choices, how to talk to your partner about sex and contraception, or how to avoid sexual coercion. Other topics range from sex during pregnancy, prostate cancer and breast cancer, sexual diversity, and abortion. The creators of this website emphasize that sexual well-being involves more than simply reducing the risk of unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections. "In encompasses self-esteem, respect for others, non-exploitive sexual satisfaction, rewarding relationships, and freedom from sexual coercion and sexual dysfunction".

So, why not take a look? This is an accessible and confidential link that provides an innovative discussion on sexual issues. Tell your friends about it - or better yet, send them an e-card (the site provides these, too)!

Fun Fact:

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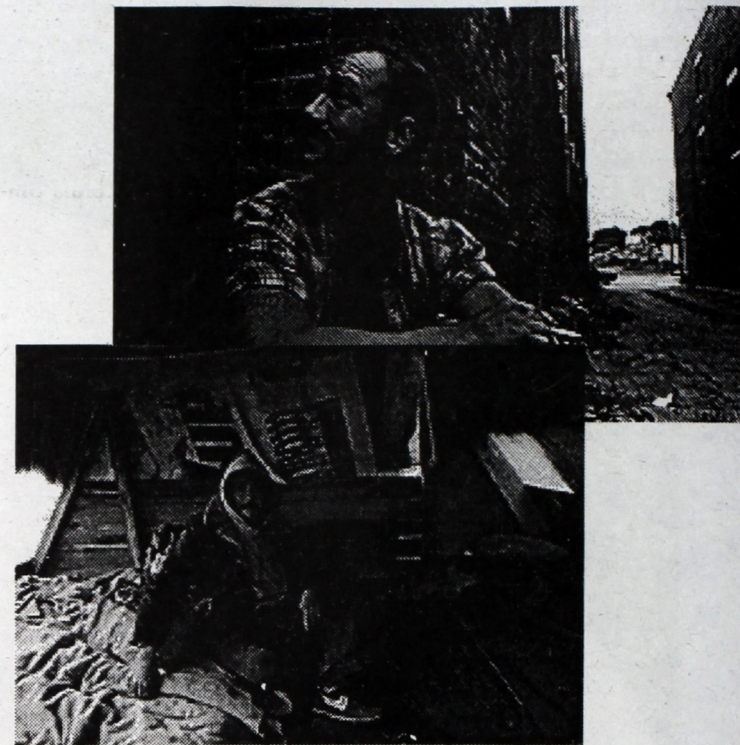
Researchers Unveil New Findings on Homelessness in Greater Sudbury

LU Press Release

The Social Planning Council of Sudbury (Conseil de planification sociale de Sudbury) unveiled a study entitled Report on Homelessness in Sudbury: Time 3 (Rapport sur le sans-abrisme à Sudbury : volet 3). This study, which was funded by the City Greater Sudbury in partnership with Human Resources Development Canada, contains recent findings on trends in homelessness in the City of Greater Sudbury between July 2000 and July 2001. This study is the third in a series of seven studies on homelessness in Greater Sudbury. The research will identify and track changes from July, 2000 to July, 2003. While identifying trends, patterns, and changes in homelessness, this study will assist the City of Greater Sudbury address this issue.

Dr. Carol Kauppi and Dr. Jean-Marc Bélanger, social work professors at Laurentian University, are principal researchers of the Report on Homelessness in Sudbury: Time 3, and Martha Andrews of the Social Planning Council of Sudbury is a research associate. Several partners also contributed to the production of this document, including service providers and agency personnel, LU social work students, City of Greater Sudbury staff, and homeless people in Sudbury.

This new study confirms several earlier findings about the extent and nature of homelessness in this community. About 40% of those who are homeless were women; the homeless include infants and elderly people; 20% of homeless people were married or in common-law relationships; Aboriginals were greatly over-represented; and about half



were not receiving any form of financial assistance from government programs. The primary causes of homelessness were problems with social assistance and unemployment, and about 33% of homeless people were without housing.

According to the Report on Homelessness in Sudbury: Time 3, 399 homeless individuals used the services of social agencies during the week of July 18 to 24. Identified in the homeless count were 32 infants and children under the age of 13, 37 adolescents aged 13 to 19, and four seniors over the age of 65. The study also reveals that 74.4% of homeless people had European background, 24.2% were Francophones, and 25.8% were Aboriginals.

On the basis of this study, several local priorities were identified.

These include: provide more funding for shelters and beds for Aboriginal men and families; ensure that homeless Francophones are served in a linguistically and culturally appropriate manner; establish a drop-in centre to serve homeless people during the day by providing food, toilet and shower facilities; implement measures to ensure that new affordable rental housing is developed and existing low cost rental housing is maintained; monitor the support services for homeless people with mental illness; provide more support services and financial support to homeless and low income people to assist them in making the transition to stable housing; and enhance outreach services to homeless people to connect them with existing community services.

Laurentian Historian Uncovers Chile's Links with Nazi Germany

LU Press Release

While conducting the research for his most recent book, Laurentian University historian Dr. Graeme Mount uncovered Chile's links with Nazi Germany and its legacy of torture, murder, and international terrorism. Chile and the Nazis: From Hitler to Pinochet, recently published by Black Rose Books, describes little-known aspects of this South American country's history.

After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 and Hitler's subsequent declaration of war upon the United States, Chile's reluctance to sever diplomatic ties with Nazi Germany allowed it to maximize its opportunities in this country. Nazi Germany succeeded in influencing Chilean politicians, military operations, and the popular media. Chile and the Nazis is the story of Chile, of its ef-

forts to maintain neutrality, its abandonment of neutrality, and the short-term and long-term significance of those actions.

Dr. Mount is one of the first authors to provide evidence of the events and circumstances surrounding Chile's refusal to comply with the will of the White House and the State Department, in 1942, that it sever diplomatic relations with Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and Imperial Japan. This Laurentian University historian based these findings on documentary evidence from the archives of the Chilean Foreign Office, as well as from American, British, German, and, intercepted, Japanese documents.

Dr. Mount also uncovered that Chile's refusal to sever diplomatic relations with the three aforementioned countries was fueled by

bribes to influential politicians and journalists. It was also influenced by a respect for the German-Chilean electorate in a presidential election year, a fear of the destruction that Nazi submarines could bring upon Chilean shipping and coastline, and a desire to demonstrate independence.

As a result, Germany, Japan and Italy used their embassies in Chile as centres of espionage that radiated as far north as Canada and threatened Allied shipping. Dr. Mount concludes that although the government of Juan Antonio Ríos finally did make the break with the Axis powers, sympathy for the Nazis and their values did not disappear but continued to have an impact upon Chile into the era of Augusto Pinochet, Chilean head of state from 1973 to 1990.

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Dr. Judith Woodsworth to Become the Next Laurentian University President

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Laurentian University's Board of Governors announced today the appointment of Dr. Judith Woodsworth as President of Laurentian University, effective July 1, 2002. The unanimous recommendation of the Search Committee for a President was endorsed by Laurentian's Senate and approved by the Board of Governors at special in camera meetings held today.

Dr. Judith Woodsworth has been Vice-President (Academic) at Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, since 1997. She received a B.A. in French and Philosophy from McGill University

in Montréal, a Licence ès lettres from the Université de Strasbourg in France, and a Ph.D. in French Literature from McGill University. She holds the position of Professor in the Department of Modern Languages.

Before joining Mount Saint Vincent University, she was Vice-Dean, Academic Affairs and International Relations, in the Faculty of Arts and Science at Concordia University, in Montreal.

As explained by Madame Maureen Lacroix, Chair of Laurentian University's Board of Governors and Chair of the Search Committee for a President, "The Search Committee was particularly

impressed with the wide support Dr. Woodsworth has within her current institution, her significant accomplishments, as well as her leadership skills. We believe that Dr. Woodsworth has the overall experience and expertise to lead Laurentian University at this time of our institution's history."

Commenting on her appointment, Dr. Woodsworth stated, "I am thrilled at the opportunity to lead a bilingual and multi-cultural institution such as Laurentian, with its wide array of unique programs and research endeavours, and look forward to advancing the goals of the University and the community."

Laurentian Professors Receive Funding for Canadian Research Chairs

LU Press Release

Laurentian University is proud to announce that two of its professors were among the 97 Canadian researchers who became new recipients of Canada Research Chairs. Dr. Greg Baiden, engineering professor, is the recipient of a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair, and Dr. Madhur Anand, biology professor, is the recipient of a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair. With this funding, Laurentian University will establish a Chair in Robotics and Mine Automation and a Chair in Biocomplexity of the Environment. These prestigious chairs, funded by the Government of Canada, are awarded to experienced researchers who are acknowledged as world leaders in their field of research.

Chair in Robotics and Mine Automation

Dr. Baiden was successful in obtaining a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair valued at \$200,000 per year for a period of seven years. This funding will go towards the establishment of a Chair in Robotics and Mine Automation. The former Head of Mines Research at Inco Limited, Dr. Baiden has dedicated his career building and managing research initiatives in mining automation and invented the world's first teleremotely operated mining machines. He is considered the foremost authority in mining automation.

As Chair, Dr. Baiden will

draw on his industrial expertise to focus in fundamental and applied research to further develop concepts of telemining for Canada's mining industry. His work will centre primarily on creating tele-operated robots to mine and process ore, as well as develop mineral economics and operations strategies for these technologies. Over time, Dr. Baiden will broaden the scope of this research to include space mining, environmental clean-up and underwater applications.

Dr. Baiden's latest efforts will provide highly skilled human resources and advanced technological systems needed to run the mines of the future. His promising solutions will ensure a safe, profitable and growing industry in mineral production for a vibrant technology- and knowledge-based mining sector that reinforces Canada's international leadership in this emerging field.

Chair in Biocomplexity of the Environment

Dr. Madhur Anand was successful in obtaining a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair valued at \$100,000 per year for a period of five years. This funding will go towards the establishment of a Chair in Biocomplexity of the Environment. Dr. Madhur is a theoretician, at the ecological end of modelling, and well-known internationally for her pioneering work on ecological com-

plexity. Her achievements include several awards, such as the Award of Excellence in Research and Technology Development from the Government of Canada.

The ecosystem is a complex, dynamic and sensitive system that often responds in non-intuitive ways when it is disturbed. To understand this system we must ask: "What is complexity?," "How does it arise?," "What is holding it stable?," and "What does it take to unbalance it?" Dr. Anand believes the best answers will come from research programs that combine theoretical, data-analytical and data-gathering approaches. As Chair, Dr. Anand is building a state-of-the-art research and development laboratory to create cutting edge ecological models that can "digest" long-term, multifaceted practical data. Dr. Anand's team includes visiting researchers from Canada and around the world, in addition to graduate students.

The theoretical advancements of Dr. Anand's research will be important to all areas of science that deal with modelling complex systems. The results will also have very important applications by advancing our ability to predict the outcome of future events related to environmental degradation and restoration. This research will be of interest to industries and governments who wish to introduce better land-use practices and policies to protect the environment.

News Briefs

Laurentian University student receives Ruffed Grouse Society Wildlife and Conservatory Scholarship

Glen S. Brown, doctoral student in Laurentian University's Department of Biology, was recently presented the Ruffed Grouse Society Wildlife and Conservatory Scholarship by Mr. Marc Labarge, secretary/treasurer of the Ruffed Grouse Society. Taking part in the presentation was Dr. Frank Mallory, biology professor at Laurentian University and graduate student supervisor. Valued at \$1,500, this scholarship highlights academic excellence and is awarded annually to a graduate student specialized in invertebrate biology.

Laurentian University Alumni and Development to celebrate launch of new website

Laurentian University alumni are invited to take part in the official launch of the new Alumni and Development website. This special event will take place on Wednesday, January 16, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Science North MCTV Atrium during the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce's After Hours Business session.

Laurentian University's Alumni and Development Office is proud to launch this new communication tool that will closely link alumni with the University. All former Laurentian University students who are unable to attend this event are invited to discover this new website that seeks to create an on-line community enabling alumni to register and maintain contact with former classmates. The English-language website can be found at lualumni.laurentian.ca while the French-language is at anciens.laurentienne.ca

Liberty Mutual sponsored the development of the website while CyberSudbury created its design. Melanie Dusiauxme created the on-line community and LU's WebLab conducted the information dump from the old site to the new site and created a template which will allow Alumni to regularly update the website.

Laurentian University student places 5th at Third IKGA World Karate Championships

Perth, Australia, was the setting for the Third International Karate-Do Goju-Kai Association (IKGA) Karate Championships, which were held from November 29 to December 2. Craig Vokey, a masters student at Laurentian University, represented Canada in the 80 kg+ kumite (sparring) division and in the Sandan+ kata (3rd degree black belt and above forms) division. Raymond Fujino from Vancouver, Trevor Sheppard from Cambridge, and Kristin Fairburn from Yellowknife also represented Canada.

In kumite, Mr. Vokey defeated fighters from South Africa and Iran before losing a very close match (2-1) to the eventual Silver Medalist from Namibia. "This was a personal best and likely my last world tournament as a competitor, so I am extremely happy with my performance," declared Craig Vokey.

A third degree black belt, Mr. Vokey has been teaching voluntarily at the Laurentian University Karate Club since moving to Sudbury in 1994. He is the only Canadian to have competed in all three IKGA World Championships and had a previous top-16 finish at the 1993 World Championships in Chiba, Japan.

The IKGA represents Yamaguchi Goju-Ryu (hard/soft style) karate and holds its world championships every four years. The next IKGA World Championships are expected to take place in either Switzerland or South Africa in 2005.

The Laurentian University Karate Club is a student club and is affiliated with Laurentian's Department of Active Living. It is the only representative of the Goju-Kai or the Yamaguchi Family in Sudbury.



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EDITOR'S CORNER

What Would You Really Do...

by Mat Thompson
Editor In Chief

Imagine this. You are in a drug store, at the counter ready to pay when a woman comes running up to the counter and tells the person behind the counter that there is a drunk person in filling a bag with perfume bottles and other expensive cosmetics on the other side of the store. As the cashier calls for security, the drunk shoplifter walks briskly through the store to the front and walks by both cashiers and about eight patrons exiting the store without any problems or anyone stepping up to stop him, let alone anyone saying "STOP" or "WAIT". Now, you were in the perfect position to step forward and physically stop, slow down, or even beat this guy into the floor... but would you?

You may wonder why I am asking you this, but this is the situation that I was in last week at a local drug store. Every one in the store was intent on watching this guy shoplift, then all eyes were on him walking right out the front door without anyone stepping forward to stop him. Why is it that we want to see things like this, but we don't want to do anything about it? It was like being on one of those 'Caught on Tape' shows but without the crazy woman behind the counter who pulls out a shotgun or chases the crook with a bottle of Champagne to smash on the crook's head. It was basically the perfect shoplift

with a crowd of witnesses who acted more like an audience than concerned citizens.

Now I can't speak for those present in the store, but I am thinking that everyone thought that someone else was going to do something. Even I got some looks from the people in the store as if being the biggest person in the store meant that they expected me to be the guy who steps up and stops this hardened criminal and retrieve his bag of Channel #5 and CK One.

In the past I have chased shoplifters from places of employment as well as escorting, forcibly removing and fighting a drunk person to either the floor or out a door, but in this case I did what everyone else did in that store... I stood there. Now I feel somewhat bad about not stepping up and giving this guy a clothesline from hell, but why didn't anyone else do it? Why didn't I do it? Why didn't we all turn into Charles Bronson and deal this drunken crack head a vigilante beating like we all brag we would do if we were confronted with this situation? Because, in our minds taking down a drunken shoplifter is easy as hell. You step in front of the man like Superman with a hearty 'Stop thief' and if he tries to go through you, you give him one quick shot to the jaw or you toss him through the magazine rack and wait for the police to arrive (mine involves a lot of wrestling moves including a

piledriver through the check-out counter... but that's just me). In reality there are many other things to think about. Could he have a weapon, could he be on something that makes the beating seem useless, or the most dreaded thought... could this guy kick my ass? You never know.

Everyone in the store stood there like a statue until he was out the door. The cashier looked at me and said "It's not like we could do anything about it", then the customers jumped into action. The woman who noticed the crook got on the phone to the police while about six others crowded around her ready to be the number one witness. A few others started panicking asking where the security guard was and why didn't anyone do anything, and another guy actually followed me out to the parking lot acting like some super hero who was going to save the store if the guy came back; this of course was almost five minutes after the guy had left the store running. The guy probably wasn't even in the South End anymore, but Joe Citizen was intent on being the after-hero. If you didn't do anything in the beginning, be like the rest of us and wear your "Chicken Shit Bastard" T-shirt and hat with pride.

So what would you do? Would you step up and stop the guy in reality or are you just saying that so people think you are the savior of the common man? In a situation like

this people are more apt to do nothing when there is a large group as they think someone else is going to do something. I admit I figured someone else was going to make a move. I thought about it, but I didn't. The reason I was even at the drug store was that I have run out of pain killers and I was suffering from a near blinding migraine. Is that an excuse? No, it is just the reason I was there and maybe the reason I didn't step forward. Even without the migraine I have no idea how I would have acted. I would love to believe that I would have given this guy a beating like none he had ever received before, but in reality I cannot say what I would have done, or would do in this situation again. Think hard... what would you do. Now that you have an idea, think again about what you would really do...



SPACE FOR RANT ... Letters to the Editor

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Lambda

Dear Editor,

It seems people were confused and upset over what I was talking about last semester in my article "For the Common Good", so please let me clarify. I was NOT talking about the orientation activities/events that were conducted under the strict supervision of the U of S council. I've heard nothing but great things about these activities. The school's general policy about orientation week was one of the reasons I decided to come here. What I was talking about was the 'froshing' that occurred outside these events by some of the senior students.

Obviously these few senior students have not reached the proper level of maturity to know the difference between a harmless initiation and something that is cruel and demeaning. anyone who took 'froshing' to the extreme and were reported to the U of S council would not be tolerated and disciplinary action would be taken. So next year think carefully about what you do or see being done to frosh; it may not be as funny as it seems.

J. Brown

Editor's Note: They got to you, didn't they. I can tell by the tone of the letter that those evil 'froshers' up at U of S got to you and forced you to write a semi-retraction all the while tormenting, torturing and belittling you. Don't worry J. Brown, we will protect you with our forces of good. Just let us know who they are... because knowing is half the battle!!!

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The Following is a True Story

by Chris Dyck
staff writer

This summer I got screwed over by my employer. I worked at a fitness centre, and to make a long story short, they didn't pay me for my services this summer. I agreed to have my payments deferred till mid summer, once the programs that I was to set up had increased profitability of the company. I figured that would be a fair trade-off for the experience that I would gain from this job. So I worked, worked and worked and had nothing to show for it, except the intrinsic motivation of knowing that I was doing a good job at what I was doing. By the start of August, I realized that I wasn't going to get my money, so I filed a claim against my employer with the labour relations board to see if they could get my money for me. Outstanding fees owed: over \$5,700.00!! I realized that this would hurt my chances of having enough money for school, so I immediately applied for OSAP and was promptly re-assessed and gave me some financial assistance. Also, a huge thank you to Laurentian for their assistance.

I still haven't received my money from the fitness centre, I would still like to add a fourth party to this whole mess to see what the legal system can do about this. Maybe someday I will receive my money. Maybe someday...

This has been an important

life lesson that I will never forget. In fact, I have learned several things having to go through such a tragic experience. I don't have time to share with you all of these lessons, but I will share, what I feel it is the most important one.

It sucks to work so hard at something and put so much of yourself into it, and then realize that you have just got screwed over. It's disheartening, knowing that there are people out there that would try to screw over a poor university student. I could have easily missed out on going to school this year, because a lack of funds to pay for the large university expenses. Then I put things in perspective. Despite being out \$5,700.00, I still believe I am the richest person I know.

I have a very supporting family that I know is 100% behind me in every decision that I make. We share a tremendous amount of love for each other and its just one of those things that money cannot buy. I have a fairly short list of amazing friends that I can turn to whenever I need them and I know that they are behind me and will support me in anything I do. I am extremely thankful for these people in my life.

I don't live in a country where I have to worry whether I will survive to make it to the next day. There are no people walking on the streets with guns pointed at me and I don't have a strict schedule that I have to

follow everyday. I am not someone's slave. I have freedom of speech, freedom to be with whomever we want.

I don't have to worry about where my next meal will come. I don't have to worry where I am going to sleep tomorrow.

I actually get gifts for Christmas. I get to see what it is like to own commodity material objects that are not essential to human existence. I get the opportunity to attend university to ultimately better MY situation. I don't have to go to war to fight for my country and I didn't have to drop out of high school in order to work to support my brother and sister.

Next time you think that you have it hard, for instance studying for a killer mid term, you better start putting your life in perspective. There are always millions and millions of people on this earth that have it 100 times worse than you do. While your sitting in your room stressing about an exam, there are people on this earth that are struggling to stay alive or don't even have enough money to attend university. Try to imagine yourself in their position. Maybe there is a way to give back to people less fortunate than your self. Think about it!

I have all the things that money can't buy. I am the richest person in the world.

Get In the Ring

by Bryson McCarthy
columnist

The times they are a changin' people! Just look at this holiday season compared to those of our youth and you will see a huge difference! Maybe it is because I am older, or maybe it is that I don't enjoy the holiday season as much as I used to, but I swear things have gotten smaller, cheaper and more expensive!

Now I have a huge amount of things to bitch about this week, but I figured I would share my gravest disappointment of the holiday season with you... the Life Savers Wish Book (as it is known in my family).

We all remember opening our stockings and finding that wonderful package inside. The Life Savers Book meant that we didn't have to beg for money to go to the store, it meant we could stash candy in our room without getting in trouble, and it also meant that we had a king's ransom of Life Savers and would be the envy of all our friends (unless they got one too). Life Savers could be used as trading cards between friends as some people hated Butter Rum and would trade you a for your Wint-O-Green pack. The Life Savers Book was a staple of Christmas and a gift that everyone seemed to want... that is until this year.

I shouldn't be bitter because someone cared enough to get me a Life Savers Book, but it just isn't the same any more. I was so excited when I got the book, I figured I would have Life Savers until March (with proper planning and saving), but then I opened the box. The damn Life Savers Book only has six rolls in it! the box is the same size. the price is even more than before, but it only contains half of what it used to!

It's funny because the inside still has the window to look at your Life Saver packs, but it is just a little hole with pictures around it to make you think it is still the same. And what the hell is up with the selection inside? Two regular packs, one sours, one cherry, one butterscotch and one butter-um. Why two regular packs? Where the hell is Wint-O-Green, spearmint, orange and all the other kinds we remember from our youth? Wint-O-Green was an important flavor as we needed to prove the 'spark' theory right (a kid I know knows a kid who tried to make sparks with his Wint-O-Green Life Savers and ended up burning his house down.... it's true).

These packs used to be exotic for us. There was every kind known to man inside. You could plan your day around the roll you decide to take with you. Usually the regular roll was the one that you ate fast or saved until the end because you didn't want to be branded as a 'regular' guy or girl. "Oooh, Bryson brought Butter-



scotch... how continental", or "Wint-O-Green... Bryson lives on the edge" would be the call of the schoolyard. Now it is just "Cherry Life Savers... My grandfather carries those", or "Life Savers Sours.. what the hell is that" will be all you hear. They have ruined the Life Savers experience for young and old!

I think that leaving the book the same size with only half the candy in it is false advertising. Sure, it is great marketing, but it makes us think we are going to get more than we do. Sure, the box does say "6 Packs" on the outside, but most people get these as gifts and they have no choice but to accept gracefully the economy size, trimmed down, diet Life Savers Wish Book without any complaints as not to hurt the feelings of that loved one that remembered the Life Savers Book would bring a smile to your face no matter how old you are.

I of course have no problem voicing my opinion on a subject like this. They have ruined my memories and my lust for the Wish Book come November. My childhood memories will be all that remains. Penny candy has gone up one-thousand percent in price.... The Pop Shoppe turned into the Beer Store... and now the Life Savers Wish Book has become nothing more than a crushing blow to our collective memories with not even enough candy inside to give us that sugar rush our parents dreaded. Next year I will buy these books for my nieces and nephew, but I will open the book and put all the old kinds inside so that when their friends come over with their Wish Books they will be astounded at the smorgasbord of flavors the children will have and they will be the envy of the Life Saver world... while I sit in the ring and wonder; 'Has the Wint-O-Green passed as quickly as the sands of time, never to return?' It's sad, like a portion of our childhood has been torn from us in a violent manner... screw it, I need a beer!

Russian Roulette

by Ray McGregor
staff writer

Every Christmas holiday it is a tradition in my house to watch each World Junior Hockey Championship game that Canada plays. After winning five straight championships in the mid 90's Canada has failed to win the tournament since 1997. This year looked very promising as our Canadian team breezed through the preliminary round with only one loss.

As the semi-finals passed it seemed as though Canada could once again feel confident going into the final game against the Russians. Maybe overconfidence was a factor going into the final game of this year's tournament. Canada seemed to play a weaker game than they had in their previous meeting with Russia in a five to two victory. There are many speculations as to why Canada lost the game, some may say the expectancy was too high for our boys, some may say overconfidence was the downfall or maybe they just did not play as hard as they could

have. I for one do not wish to make any excuses for the loss of the game however there is something that anyone who knows anything about hockey has to agree on and that is the rules of the game should be upheld for both teams.

Steve Ott was given a two minute penalty during the second period for delay of game when he shot the puck over the glass and into the crowd intentionally. Mistakes are made especially when there is so much at stake in a final game. Things of this manner happen. The point is that Ott was charged with a penalty for his mistake and the Russian goalie in the final seconds of the third period did not.

With less than ten seconds left to go and the Russians ahead five to four, the Canadians had pulled their goalie to add an extra attacker to their offence. Russian goaltender Sergui Mylnikov intentionally knocked the net off its pins. This action by a goaltender does not result in a pen-

alty, it results in a penalty shot. There was no call on the play and as the clock ticked down and the game ended, Mylnikov looked at the referee to see if a penalty shot was going to be called.

Mylnikov knew what he was doing and Canada should have been given the opportunity to tie the game. The top three scoring leaders in the tournament were Canadian players. There is a very good chance that one of these three men could have scored on the penalty shot and sent the game into overtime. There is no guarantee this would have happened, but I guess we will never know because Canada was screwed out of the chance because of poor officiating.

It's too bad that fair calls are not present in a tournament that represents teams, coaches, players and referees from around the world. There were some terrible calls made throughout the tournament but it was the call that was not made that had the biggest impact.

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Northern Medical School Committee Update

Mayor Jim Gordon,
Chair Implementation Management Committee
Northern Medical School

On October 25, Premier Mike Harris appointed the Implementation Management Committee for the Northern Medical School, which I chair, naming Councillor Linda Cunningham of Kirkland Lake, Councillor Rene Larson of Thunder Bay, and Dr. Geoff Tesson, Executive Director of Health Initiatives at Laurentian University, as members. The founding Dean of the Northern Medical School will also become a member of this committee, once named.

The Honourable Dianne Cunningham, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, has given this advisory committee three tasks: hire staff to develop a business plan; define the vision for the school; and liaise with communities and keep northerners informed of the school's progress. Within just six weeks of its mandate, this Committee has already completed the first of these tasks.

The Implementation Management Committee has named Mike Gourley and Neil Stuart of the management consulting firm Pricewaterhouse Coopers as the lead consultants for the development of the Business and Implementation Plan for the Northern Medical School. This plan will be completed by the Spring of 2002 to enable the school to admit students in 2004.

The Business and Implementation Plan will identify the capital and operating requirements for Canada's newest medical school, including the proposed staging, timing and financial requirements for planning and implementation; the start-up, capital and operating requirements for teaching, clinical education and research; potential sources of revenue; a potential governance and

management model; a proposed accountability framework; and methods for monitoring progress and evaluating results.

Mike Gourley is a past Deputy Minister of Finance, Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Minister of Economics for the Province of Ontario as well as a past Vice-President of Administration for the University of Western Ontario. He was a business plan leader and advisor to Durham College in Oshawa for the creation of the Ontario Institute of Technology, Canada's newest university.

Neil Stuart, who holds a doctorate in health policy, is a Certified Management Consultant, a partner in Pricewaterhouse Coopers and a leader in the firm's health care practice. He has extensive project experience in the health care field and has led many strategic assignments for higher education, health care and academic health science clients.

The new Northern Medical School will tap into the creativity, commitment and co-operative spirit of the people in Northern Ontario and at the end of the day, I sincerely believe it will bring us closer together and closer than ever before to our ultimate goal*better health care for the people we serve. Most importantly, the Northern Medical School will deliver on the goal of recruiting, training and retaining physicians in our communities. Northern Ontario is a vast region with distinctive health care needs. Yet even access to health care of any kind is at issue in our region today.

In other parts of Canada, people complain about the time they spend in waiting rooms. Here in the North, there are thousands of people who would love to have that privilege. They haven't made it into the

waiting room yet. They are on waiting lists for family physicians, lacking access to health care that other citizens across this land sometimes take for granted. These are the people we have a duty to serve.

The Northern Medical School is the cornerstone. It will help us to build a responsive and effective health care system in which the needs of our families will be met, from Mattawa, to Moosonee, to Red Lake and the Manitoba border.

There is great diversity in Northern Ontario, including diversity of opinion. This diversity is a great strength. It will make us do a better job as we develop a medical school for Northern Ontario. We welcome innovative ideas and challenging perspectives. That is what consultation is all about.

From our diversity of cultures, communities and concepts, we will build an institution that brings us together*first and foremost in service of our people.

Over the past week, the members of the Implementation Management Committee and the lead consultants for the Northern Medical School traveled to several Northeastern Ontario centres to meet with health care providers, educators and community leaders. The Committee's planned travel to the Northwest had to be postponed as a result of inclement weather. But we have already rescheduled our travel to Thunder Bay, where we now plan to meet with community leaders, educators and health care providers on December 17.

These meetings are helping us to plan the consultations that will take place beginning in January on the vision and business plan for the new Northern Medical School. We are

asking for the advice and guidance of those people who played a part in winning support for the school and who have a major stake in its future.

At every session we've held so far, the ideas that will shape the vision of the Northern Medical School were already starting to flow. We heard from a physician in Timmins the idea that the Northern Medical School should be designed to graduate "clinically-superior physicians." From physicians in Sault Ste. Marie, we received the advice that the school should offer training

appropriate to northern medical practices and northern health care needs. A citizen of North Bay suggested we must always stay focused on our ultimate goal*better health care for the people of Northern Ontario. The vision for the Northern Medical School lies in the hearts and minds of these people. Our team looks forward to gathering ideas like this over the weeks and months ahead. Will this be a world-class, innovative new medical school? I can say without any qualifications that the answer is "yes."

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One of Canada's best loved performers, Cathy Jones has created a series of popular and hilarious characters for CBC's hit comedy show "This Hour Has 22 Minutes," including Sexual Affairs Commentator Babe "I'm just goofin' around!" Bennett. She is the recipient of two Gemini awards for her work as a writer and performer on "This Hour Has 22 Minutes."

A 20-year veteran of the award-winning comedy troupe

CODCO, Jones' remarkable empathetic and chameleon-like abilities allow her to completely immerse herself in her characters, male or female. These talents allow her to portray complex and difficult characters in a way which still manages to endear them to Canadians. Jones' one-woman show "Wedding In Texas" was a smash hit across Canada, showcasing her ability to take pot shots at the war between the sexes without alienating either sex.

In 1995, Jones co-hosted the Juno Awards, made a special guest appearance at the 1995 Just For Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal and appeared at the Festival again in 1997. She also co-hosted the live gala presentation of the 1998 Gemini Awards.

Cathy Jones has recently completed a one-hour comedy special, "Cathy Jones Gets a Special," featuring skits and monologues that unleash a hysterical menagerie of

Cathy's popular and hilarious characters.

Free tickets to Falconbridge lecture are available, on a first-come, first-serve basis, at the following locations: institutions throughout the Sudbury region: Laurentian University Bookstore and J.N. Desmarais Library; Science North; Cambrian College's Registrar's Office; Collège Boréal Registrar's Office; and Main Branches of Sudbury, Valley East, Rayside Balfour and Walden Public Libraries.

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Are Our Borders Really That Safe?

by Hugh Panelas
Staff Writer

Over the Christmas break I was fortunate enough to escape the snow and cold and headed south to Tampa, Florida. I decided to pay particular attention to the new security measures that both Canada and the United States have implemented and to see if there really was a significant difference from those that existed previous of September 11/01.

I flew from Sudbury to Toronto and had a 2 hour layover before boarding a flight to Tampa. What I experienced would shock most people.

Anyone that has travelled out of the country should know that in order to get your bags from a connecting flight you must show your boarding pass to gain access to the baggage claim area at customs. No change there. The first different thing that stood out to me and other people was the fact that customs was now one large line. There were no longer two lines, one being for the first class passengers and another for everyone else. Everyone must wait in the same line when going through customs. Fair? Yes, but it seemed to be a pain for all of the workers as they had to keep yelling out flight times to the lines because anyone that was in jeopardy of missing their flight was rushed through.

Next came the actual questioning from the customs agent. Nothing different there either. After answering the standard what's the purpose of the trip, how long was I going for, where am I going, who am I going to see and why my parents weren't coming with me it was on my way to the security scanners.

As usual a boarding pass is required to go through the checkpoint. The difference in this area was the part where everyone that had some form of electronics on them had to prove that they worked. Cameras, cell phones, laptops and Discmen were all checked. After proving that my Discman was real I was on my way to my flight gate.

Here a new policy and probably the best one yet came into effect. Not only did we have to show our boarding passes to get on the

plane but we all had to also provide a piece of photo ID as well. After that it was off to Tampa.

Sounds secure? Here's what bothers me. My Aunt was also on that same flight and we both went through customs at different times. She handed the custom agent an expired passport, told the agent that it was expired but also said that she had other ID if needed. The agent told her that it was ok. The agent then only asked her what she did for a living. After telling the agent that she was a corrections worker she was let through with no further questions being asked and she never had to prove that she did in fact work in corrections.

The trip home was much different. The United States certainly have changed their airport security. To start things off when parking in the parking garage two military officers in full uniform with high-powered weapons searched our van to see what we had in it. All vehicles are searched before parking.

Only people with boarding passes are allowed to ride the trams to the gates at the Tampa International Airport. Before anyone could go to the gates to drop off or pick up passengers.

There seemed to be a rather large number of security officers all over the airport and there were also military officers on patrol. Again their high-powered weapons were in full display.

While in line to get on my plane and after having my boarding pass and ID checked I was instructed to go behind the podium where my bag was searched for a second time. I was also waived with the wand a second time as well. This took place at the actual gate, with people in line waiting to get on the plane. This was after going through the scanners and metal detectors.

The purpose of this article is not to complain about what I experienced. In fact I was more than willing to do whatever the security officers wanted me to do. It's just to share my experience with those that are really wondering what changes have been made to make us all safer.

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